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The accelerated, three-semester program is Penn State's major contribution to America's war efforts. For the duration, it is to be regarded as a normal and not a special program of study.

Why Enroll This Summer?

"Our College has been generously served by a democratic America at peace; it will not be ungrateful of its obligations to an America at war."

Voicing this promise, President Hetzel told the students that Penn State was ready with all its resources to aid the nation in the successful prosecution of the war. That was in December.

Acting with little hesitation early in January, the College designed a third semester which gave Penn State a year-round study program for the duration. In conjunction with the accelerated plan, the College had to make drastic changes in the normal academic routine, which would be in keeping with the resolution passed by the Board of Trustees.

The resolution passed by the Trustees declared that "it is hereby resolved that the officers and staff of the Pennsylvania State College be authorized and instructed to take any and all necessary actions to place the full services of the College in the support of the war policies and programs of the state and nation."

It was evident that Penn State was holding back no punches. Every effort would be made to defeat the Axis, despite the many problems and obstacles that would arise from the adoption of an accelerated program of study.

Now, one of those anticipated problems has arisen. The College is facing one of the most critical periods in its history, and at a time when it is necessary that no effort is wasted. There is no question that the College is rendering a great service in preparing men for armed services, and also in supplying technically trained men for vital defense industries.

This valuable work must continue uninterrupted; therefore Penn State has greatly taxed its resources and designed a Summer semester, which will benefit the nation as well as the students.

By taking advantage of the accelerated program, every Penn State student will be doing as much as the man on the production line in aiding America in this supreme war effort. By attending the Summer semester, men students will be able to graduate before entering the Army or Navy. Graduate engineers will be prepared to take their place in industry before they normally would have under the old program.

Women can do their part, also, by enrolling for the Summer semester. As the war increases in magnitude, more and more men will be drawn from industry to serve in the armed forces. This means that women must be trained to step into positions vacated by men. It is natural to assume that the woman with the College degree will be better fitted to assume a more responsible post.

Undoubtedly there will be cases where a student will find it practically impossible to attend the Summer semester. Because of the shortage of farm help at present, a number of students enrolled in agriculture will be forced to return to their homes this Summer to assist with crop harvesting. Others will have to work at usual vacation jobs in order to finance their education during the Winter semesters.

On the other hand, there is still a certain group of students, especially women, who have no particular reason for not attending the Summer semester. It may be somewhat easier to persuade this group by pointing out that living conditions will be greatly altered at home this Summer. Old friends will be in the army, or busily engaged in defense industries seven days out of the week.

So, why not stay in College . . . and contribute your bit to an Axis defeat.



What's
Cookin'?

Something has been brewing within the inner sanctum of All-College Cabinet for over two weeks now and it's time that it be revealed. Cabinet has asked that the Christian Association submit its funds to auditing by the Athletic Association.

There is nothing dark or underhanded about the request, but Cabinet is testing its power as it was defined in the new All-College Constitution, approved in the last election by an overwhelming majority.

From this issue there emerges a real challenge to the strength of student government. If the Christian Association refuses to submit its funds for auditing by Neil Fleming's office, there will be a flurry of feathers because All-College Cabinet is sincere in its demands.

About the only catastrophe that would occur when and if the CA refuses would be the automatic withdrawal by Cabinet of the CA's right to have representation on Cabinet.

The CA's objection to the auditing plan is rather weak. It is afraid that its funds would be held up unnecessarily. But that wouldn't be the case. Many other campus organizations operate efficiently with AA office control.

Of prime significance in Cabinet's suggestion is the permission to solicit student funds. The CA runs on student support. It must solicit funds for its existence. Therefore, Cabinet could withhold its sanction on the CA's plan to canvass students. There the CA would die immediately.

If the CA so desired, it could ignore Cabinet entirely. Undoubtedly, however, Cabinet would not back its program.

It is untrue to say that the CA is unworthy of support because it has done much for Penn State. Every campus needs an organization of its kind. Rather than incur the official wrath of Cabinet, the CA had better step in line.

As far as the AA office's ability to take care of the funds of the CA is concerned, that money could be in no better hands. Other campus organizations have their funds audited by the office. In fact, they are required by Cabinet to do so. Then why shouldn't the CA submit to the plan, too. It too is definitely a student organization.

It's not that the use of the CA's funds is being questioned. It's the fact that it is a student activity and as such it must be controlled.

Cabinet's teeth are being tested. Don't let go, Cabinet, you've a good hold and are backed by student sentiment.

—THE CHEF



DEAN EDWARD STEIDLE

'No MI Change' —Dean Steidle

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles explaining the programs which the different schools will carry out during the Summer semester.)

"There will be no changes or slackening of the requirements in the curricula of the School of Mineral Industries," said Dean Edward Steidle yesterday when questioned regarding his school's plans for the Summer term.

Dean Steidle emphasized that the school's normal program will be carried out and that students graduated under the accelerated program will have the same standing after graduation as those taking the course over a regular four-year period.

"Men in the Mineral Industries fields are needed more and more every day," he stated. He continued to say that in a year or two when industry has finished its extensive building program the army will be looking for trained men in this field.

"They'll need the men next year to operate the equipment and arms they build during this coming year," he explained.

Dean Steidle told of two members of the Mineral Industries School faculty, Dr. William Parrish, assistant professor of mineralogy, and Dr. James A. Taylor, assistant professor of fuel technology, who were recently called for duty with the army.

He cited these two examples in regard to the School's contribution to the war effort.

In conclusion Dean Steidle stated that it will be up to the students to put forth doubled and redoubled efforts in order to make the new study plan a success.

"It is a student's patriotic as well as personal and practical responsibility to attend if at all possible the Summer semester," he declared.

Penn State Host To Metallurgists

The Fifth Biennial Interchapter Meeting of the American Society for Metals will be held Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25, with the Penn State chapter as host, Dr. Charles R. Austin, professor of metallurgy, announced yesterday.

The five other chapters which will participate in the meeting include Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Lehigh Valley, York, and Tier.

Several authoritative speakers will discuss the technical problems for which they have gained national recognition.

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